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Two new young members have returned from the Far East and India, center of change and news in this troubled period of the world.

ANDREW FREEMAN OF THE NEW YORK POST

Andy has been in southeast Asia, China and India from November 1945 until just recently. He concentrated on the political aspects of India today.

FRED ROSEN OF MAGAZINE DIGEST

Fred, a former editor of YANK, for the past months has been going from province to province--- finding out the "why" of Indian affairs.... why all life, to Indians, is sacred, and the difference between a Hindu and a Brahman in terms a Westerner can fathom, why the father of one of his Indian friends has been unpopular because he shot a mad dog who was biting everyone in his town.

Several Indian journalists in New York will be present and may be called upon to answer questions. If possible, perhaps Robert Aura Smith, author of "Divided India" can attend.

April 1, 1947.  
New York, N. Y.

More than 150 members and guests attended the club warming on Friday evening. The punch bowl started functioning at 5:30 P. M. and did not stop until 11 P. M. They came, exclaimed at the really excellent view of Times Square, the decorations, the pictures, drank toasts... and have been dropping into the office ever since.

Kathryn Cravens sent vases, flowers and plants for the opening.... Marjorie Young got everything in final shape.... Hester Hensell donated a leather finished radio to the clubrooms so that members coming to the office can hear the latest news broadcasts. Leo Margules sent two carved wooden lamps and a few members have sent in their books.... but we need many more. John Barkham brought a superb tiger skin (downed in South Africa.)

Kenneth Giniger of Prentice Hall has suggested that we design a special OPC plate for books so that the name of the donor, whether publisher or member, be marked.

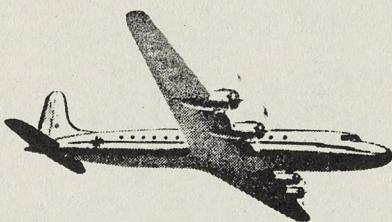
Some of the gang present included Richard Tregaskis, Al Newman, John Barkham, Leo Branham, Beach Conger, Otto Tolischus, Sonia Tomara, Bill Chaplin, Bruno Shaw, Curt Heymann, Temple Fielding, Ollie Stewart, Gordon Waterfield, Adelaide Kerr, Ralph Frantz, Greg Ziemer, Jimmy Young, Jack LeVien, Wambly Bald, Lucian Kirtland, Lee Carson, Fred Leighton, Eugenie Young,.....

The Secretary of the Club has asked that the Dinner Committee constitute itself as an informal House Committee until after the election. The Club should be open every night at least until 9 P. M. --- with some good liquor on hand so Leo Branham is going to round up the gang to take care of this. Drop in any time.

A meeting of the Nominating Committee was held at the New York Athletic Club on Friday, March 28th. The final slate will be announced in the next Bulletin along with the four proposed amendments to the Constitution to be voted on at the Annual meeting of the membership on Wednesday, April 23. As there is no voting by mail or proxy, plan to attend this meeting.

Walter Lippman wrote in the New York Herald Tribune of April 1, that doles to Greece, Turkey, Iran and Korea will not do --- unless the primary purpose of exerting American military power vis-a-vis Russia is clearly avowed.

Sonia Tomara, vice president, told some members recently that the most important assignment for a foreign correspondent is to cover any given situation in foreign countries from all angles --- to report in a news cable the complete story.



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Theodore White, author of the recent best seller "Thunder Out of China" was married last week to Nancy Bean. Best wishes, Teddy....and Eugene English of Press Wireless, soon to go to Paris as European manager of Prewi also got married last week (sorry do not know the name of the lucky girl.)

Orton Tewson's last column written on the day of his death carried a review of the OPC book "Deadline Delayed". Tews especially liked the story by J. P. McEvoy entitled "Hurroo for Who" about present day Ireland, which is full of English tourists and "Dev" (seldom called DeValera). McEvoy muses that "It is strange enough that the strongest man in Ireland today is half Spanish, that the strongest man in Russia is a Georgian, that the German superman was an Austrian." The article appeared in the Cosmopolitan issue of February.

Fred Parker, on leave of absence from Pennsylvania Capitol Airlines, has arrived in Tokyo for a war department assignment there. Fred was in the Tokyo Press Club with Howard Handelman of INS and found that the OPC Bulletin maintained a place of prominence on the bulletin board there.

The Jimmy Young-John Goette debating team are back from a tour of the South. Both having recently returned from the Far East, they debate "US Far Eastern Policy".

Dick Hottelet of CBS is on his way back from Europe....his present broadcasts have been from Berlin....Larry LeSeuer has a weekly program over the network on Sunday at 12:30 P. M. when he gives a select resume of what other countries are saying about US in their newspapers.

Edward Beattie, formerly of the United Press, is spending some time with his family in Sarasota, Florida. Frank McCarthy, head of the UP bureau in Havana, Cuba, says that the Bulletin reaches him in good shape. (Editor's Note....Weekly announcements and the Bulletin are mailed to all members abroad and from all reports arrive ok....It is suggested that members who use their head offices in the States for mailing change to their personal address if the notices are not being received each week. Deadline for bulletin is Tuesday for the luncheon of the following week, and copies should be received by members on Friday of the week preceding the luncheon announced.



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Fred Abbott, chairman of the Admissions Committee, announces the names of the following:

Hal Boyle, News feature daily columnist of AP, Hal covered fifty foreign countries from October 1942 to October 1946 as AP was correspondent and post war roving reporter.

Hazel P. Hartzog, night Pacific cable editor, San Francisco bureau of United Press. For UP assigned to Honolulu April to June, 1945; Guam, June to August 1945; then transferred to Tokyo area. Assigned China October 1945 to May 1946.

Fred Rosen, Head of Foreign Editions of Magazine Digest. Africa, Middle East and Europe for YANK from 1943 to 1945. Central America from Dec. 1945 to Feb. 1946 for "Holiday". For Magazine Digest, Europe from March to Sept. 1947 and then through Middle East to India till Feb. '47.

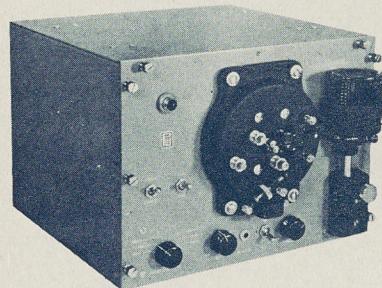
George H. Lyon, Associate member, formerly assigned to SHAEF from Feb. 1944 to May 1945, and personal representative of Elmer Davis.

OPC members follow each other nightly over the National Broadcasting Company network...Lowell Thomas (broadcasting from the West Coast) at 6:45 P. M.; Morgan Beatty with his World News Round Up from Washington (which city Morgan considers the news center of the world) at 7:15; H. V. Kaltenborn (who has sent us copies of his books, best known of which is "Europe Now") at 7:45 P. M. and W. W. Chaplin at 11:15 P. M. (who is in Minnesota on a story.) and Grant Parr, news, at 1 P. M. (Grant is now out of the hospital where he was suffering from war wounds.) Sundays, Cesar Saerchinger at 11:15 P. M. with "The Story Behind the Headlines."

Jack Belden, formerly of Time, is still in China...we wonder whether he has seen AT Steele of the Herald Tribune, Phoebe Packard (who left some months ago to join her husband, Reynolds Packard), Norwood Allman and Randall Gould in Shanghai and Jean Lyon in Chungking, too.

Ray Josephs writes that "The Siesta's Over" --- in Mexico, gone modern with skyscrapers, modern housing and airplane services. Ray says that the Mexican, with all this, manages to have more fun out of life than the Norteamericanos....he worries less.

Ivan Peterman of the Philadelphia Inquirer is covering the Big Four Council of Foreign Ministers in Moscow...and so is Henry Shapiro of the United Press....Edgar Snow is enroute to Russia via London and Europe.



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Jonathan Rice has left LOOK magazine. Does anyone know where he can be reached? Also, Jamie Plenn needs an address for our mail.

Ralph Frantz, who is sending out current membership cards as fast as the checks come in, has changed the card this year. Active Cards are white and Associate's are green. The current fiscal year (April, 1947-April 1948) appears on the card.

More than two hundred members and guests attended the first luncheon at the Hotel Elysee, on March 26th. As only about 105 reservations had been received, general confusion reigned for awhile but everything settled down eventually.

Sigrid Schultz, Elliott Roosevelt and Richard Tregaskis were interviewed before the luncheon by Bill Leonard who transcribed their answers to questions about the future of the United Nations the next day over CBS at 9:15 A. M.

Elliott Roosevelt said that the Soviet Union was not ready for war yet but might be in a few years. He stressed the fact that there had been complete harmony among the big Three as long as there had been meetings at the top level of Bevin, Stalin and Roosevelt. As soon as these meetings had been discontinued in 1945, international relations have become more and more at odds, according to the speaker.

E. R. said that Russians have suffered more than reported in damage and loss of life and want reparations from Germany--- whether the United States pays this indirectly or not. In discussing the situation in Greece and Turkey, Roosevelt said that 88% of the Greek people want a democracy--- not communism or a monarchy. And with regard to Turkey, he remarked that that country had no debts but showed substantial financial balances now.

Some members glimpsed at the luncheon were Fred Krieg of AP, Bill Carney of the N. Y. Times, Harold Isaacs of Newsweek, Clif Evans of Station WLIB, C. D. Morris of UP, Fred Sondern of Reader's Digest, Ivan Dimitri of the Phila. Bulletin, Bill Downs of CBS.....

According to OPC members in Germany (who wish to remain nameless) the six day trip of American correspondents at Berlin into the Soviet zone of Germany which was scheduled to begin March 31, has been put off by the Russians. Our correspondents had protested the elimination of some towns like Rostock and Oranienburg from the itinerary and the exclusion of Hal Foust of the Chicago Tribune. However, it is hoped that the delay will not be a long one.

Hester Hensell, Editor.

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